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SUBJ: P-3S FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE-DEFENSE MEETING AUGUST 21 ON AZORES
NEGOTIATIONS (MEMO FOR FILE OF AUGUST 27).

1. MINUTES OF AUGUST 21 STATE-DEFENSE MEETING NOTE
(PG. 3) STATEMENT BY DOD REPS THAT "PORTUGUESE WANT
EXPORT MODEL P-3S," AND THAT PORTUGUESE HAVE "MADE IT
CLEAR THEY DO NOT WANT A OR B MODELS."

2. QUESTION OF US SUPPLYING PORTUGAL WITH P3S HAS
BEEN RAISED ONLY TWICE BY GOP POLICY LEVEL, IN CON-
VERSATIONS BETWEEN GOP CHIEF OF STAFF OF ARMED FORCES AND
RADM ERLY (CHMAAG AND IBERLANT) APRIL 9 AND
CHARGE APRIL 11. IN CONVERSATION WITH ADM. ERLY
GENERAL COSTA GOMEZ ASKED "ASSISTANCE IN
PROCURING P-3C AIRCRAFT FOR THE PORTUGUESE AIR FORCE."
IT IS CLEAR FROM CONTEXT OF CONVERSATION THAT COSTA
GOMEZ USED P-3C AS ILLUSTRATION OF MODERN MARITIME
PATROL AIRCRAFT. AT NO TIME IN THAT CONVERSATION OR
IN APRIL 11 CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE DID COSTA GOMEZ
INDICATE THAT GOP DOES NOT WISH A OR B MODELS. THIS

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IS BORNE OUT BY GOP RESPONSE TO DPQ, WHERE P-3S NOT

MENTIONED AND PORTUGAL EXPRESSED INTENTION TO REPLACE
P2V5S WITH "MORE UP TO DATE AIRCRAFT OF CURRENT
MANUFACTURE."

3. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING BASIS FOR VIEWS
HELD BY DOD REPS AT AUGUST 21 MEETING, IF OTHER THAN
APRIL 9 ERLY-COSTA GOMEZ CONVERSATION.
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